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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION

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1. EMBASSY HAS MADE HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO GOI AND ITALIAN INDUSTRY ON PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROPOSALS REGARDING EFFORTS TO COMBAT VESSEL-SOURCE MARINE OIL POLLUTION. ECMIN CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY AND ON LEADING INDUSTRY REP. IN ADDITION TO AMKING ORAL PRESENTATION, WE LEFT COPIES OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN PLUS TRANSLATION OF TALKING POINTS REF B.

2. ON MARCH 30 ECMINI CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MONDELLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY. MONDELLO, WHO WAS AWARE OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY BUT PROMISED TO PASS INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS.

3. ECMIN THEN MET ON APRIL WITH MINISTRY OF MERCHANT

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MARINE OFFICIALS BARONE (DIRECTOR GENERAL NAVIGATION AND MARITIME TRAFFIC), AMOROSO (DIRECTOR, SHIPPING POLICY DIVISION AND MEMBER OF GOI'S IMCO DELEGATION), D'ANIELLO (DIRECTOR, PORT AGENCIES AND POLLUTION DIVISION) AND ALEGIANI (SECTION CHIEF, DIRECORATE GENERAL OF SHIPS). IN REPSONSE TO PRESENTATION, BARONE SAID ITALY ALSO HAS DEPP CONCERN OVER THIS PROBLEM AND RECOGNIZES THE URGENT

NEED FOR ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS TO PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AGAINST POLLUTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH ITALY'S POSITION ON PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSALS TO COMBAT VESSEL-SOURCE OIL POLLUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED, HE DID NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM IN ACCEPTING THEM. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL THE U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD PRODUCE COMPARABLE SAFEGUARDS FOR ITALY AND OTHER COASTAL STATES SINCE THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM THAT COULD BE IMPOSED ON VESSELS TRANSITING OFF ITALIAN SHORES. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS BARONE COMMENDED USG APPROACH TO THE POLLUTION PROBLEM AND SAID HE WOULD ADVISE EMBASSY OF GOI POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSALS ALSO PRESENTED APRIL 4 TO ROCCO BASILICO, PRESIDENT OF FINCANTIERI (GOI HOLDING COMPANY CONTROLLING 95 PERCENT OF ITALY'S SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY) AND PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF WEST EUROPEAN SHIPBUILDERS (AWES). BASILICO FULLY SHARED U.S. CONCERN OVER MARINE OIL-POLLUTION PROBLEM AND EXPRESSED COMPLETE ACCORD WITH U.S. MEASURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT VESSEL-SOURCE OIL POLLUTION. INDEED, HE ASSERTED HE HAD PROPOSED SIMILAR PROGRAM TO U.S. AUTHORITIES TWO YEARS AGO. BASILICO STATED HE WILL SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSALS BOTH IN AWES AND IN ITALIAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING OFFICIAL GOI POSITION BEFORE IMCO MEETING.
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